

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 3, 5, 13, 14, 36, 41, and 42 are in the application, with Claims 1 and 36 being independent. Claims 1 to 3, 5, and 36 have been amended herein, and Claims 41 and 42 have been newly added. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 1 to 3, 13 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,995,400 (Park). Claim 5 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Park in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,616,968 (Fujii). Claims 5 and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Park in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,448,489 (Kimura). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' undersigned representative during the personal interview conducted on March 26, 2009. During the interview, the Examiner tentatively indicated that she would be inclined to more favorably view the application if the claims were amended along the lines set forth above.

Turning to a formal matter, it appears that the Examiner inadvertently failed to initial one of the Forms PTO-1449 returned with the January 28, 2008 Office Action. In particular, the Form PTO-1449 submitted with the December 27, 2001 Information Disclosure Statement was not initialed. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner return an initialed copy of this Form PTO-1449 with the next Office communication.

In addition, an Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted herewith, and consideration of the documents cited therein is respectfully requested.

No other matters being raised, the entire application is believed to be fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

No fees are believed due; however, should it be determined that additional fees are required, the Director is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should be directed to our address given below.

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